Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 31 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 29 Dec 2021 at 17:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mild, changeable and often windy weather, lower for cloud and rainfall details each day.

Headline for Thursday 30 Dec 2021: Very windy, with severe gales. Early rain showers then mainly dry with some clear or sunny intervals.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	80%	60%	40%	20%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Weather: Showers or longer spells of rain, heavy at times, overnight. Towards dawn the showers will become lighter. Then daylight hours mainly dry, though the odd light shower in the west. Many staying cloudy but a few bright or sunny intervals possible, though more likely in Easter Ross and across north Sutherland. A very windy day with severe gales on the tops until later. Mainly dry in the evening with winds easing.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% increasing 40% in the afternoon, 70% in sheltered northeast.

Visibility: Occasionally poor overnight and early on Thursday. Generally good by daylight away from cloud, which will be quite widespread above 750m in the west, though breaking in shelter further east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	42/50 SW	45/54 SW	41/51 SW	38/47 SW	39/49 SW	36/45 SW	37/46 SW	28/35 SW	21/27 SW
900	40/48 SW	41/50 SW	39/48 SW	36/45 SW	37/47 SW	35/44 SW	35/44 SW	26/34 SW	20/26 SW
600	27/36 SW	29/38 SW	27/36 SW	24/34 SW	26/36 SW	24/34 SW	24/33 SW	18/26 SW	13/19 SW
300	7/34 SW	7/36 SW	7/35 SW	7/34 SW	8/34 SW	9/32 SW	10/33 SW	7/25 SW	4/16 SW
Glen	16/33 SW	17/34 SW	14/31 SW	14/31 SW	13/29 SW	11/26 SW	10/19 S	8/19 SW	3/10 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-5	3/-5	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3	3/-4	3/-5	3/-4	3/-3
900	4/-4	4/-4	4/-2	4/-2	5/-2	4/-3	4/-4	4/-3	4/-2
600	6/0	6/0	6/1	6/2	7/2	6/1	6/0	6/1	6/2
300	7/6	7/5	8/6	8/7	9/7	8/6	8/5	7/6	7/6
Glen	10/7	9/6	10/8	10/8	11/8	10/8	10/8	9/8	9/8
Freezing Level*	1500m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1600m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite relatively high freezing levels, a strong wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain across Skye and Lochalsh, probably reaching Ben Wyvis too, though drier for most of the Northwest, and these drier brighter conditions will spread to all in the afternoon. More rain returning towards midnight.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20-30mph becoming north or northwest in the afternoon. By midnight southerly 40-50mph gusts 70mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in south in the morning then improving to 60%.

Visibility: Poor in the morning in the south with cloud widely down to 600-750m, then becoming mainly good as cloud breaks and lifts.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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